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GERMANS PRESS FRENCHMEN HARD AROUND VERDUN

DEFENDERS OF GREAT FORTRESS, HOWEVER APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN HOLDING THEIR OWN

FIGHTING AT OTHER POINTS

In Lorraine and the Vosges, French claim to have had the better of Artillery Combats—Four German Aeroplanes Shot Down

LONDON, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—The fighting at Verdun, which has been going on since the middle of January, is now in its fourth month. The French have been able to hold their own, and the Germans have been unable to make any serious advance. The fighting has been very hard, and the French have suffered many casualties. The Germans have also suffered many casualties, and the fighting has been very costly for both sides.

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WALKS INTO LOCOMOTIVE

Beville Man, Formerly Employed as Bartender, Meets Tragic Death

BEVILLE, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—A man who was formerly employed as a bartender at the Beville Hotel, died today after being run over by a locomotive. The man was walking across the tracks when the locomotive came and struck him. He was killed instantly.

FREE DRESSING OF WOUNDS

NEW YORK, March 14.—The Red Cross committee, a standing committee of the National Civic Federation, is planning to extend its work of distributing free dressings to the fighting countries in Europe. The committee has decided to send a large quantity of dressings to the front, and to distribute them to the wounded soldiers.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Fair and cooler; moderate southerly winds becoming moderate to fresh northerly.

At the Theatres.

At the Metropolitan: "The Merry Widow." At the Grand: "The Merry Widow." At the New: "The Merry Widow." At the Old: "The Merry Widow."

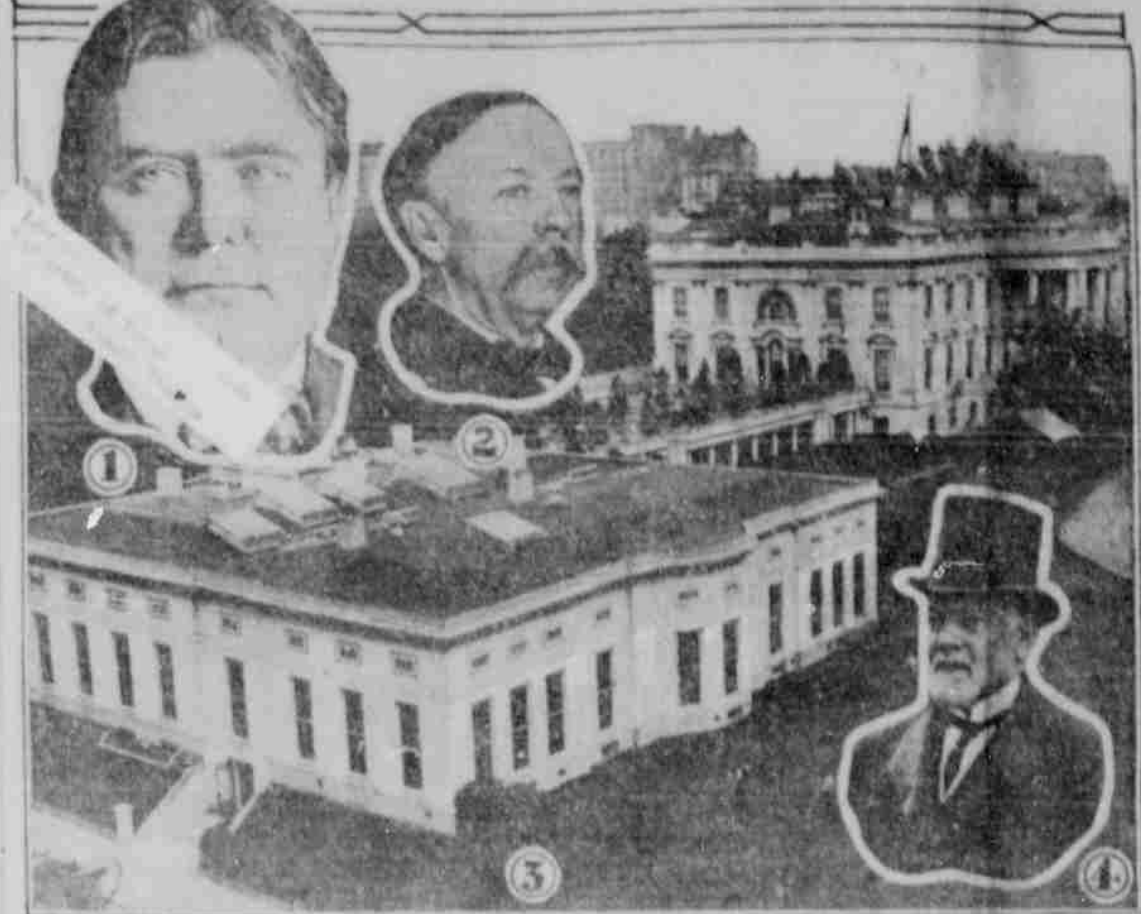
Today's Local Calendar.

Organization of Women's Label League at Labor Temple tonight at 7:30 o'clock. March business meeting of City Federation this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Nueces Hotel.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—For East Texas: Wednesday fair, slightly cooler to interior Thursday. West Texas: Wednesday fair, cooler Thursday.

MEN OF WILSON'S PARTY OPPOSE HIM WHILE REPUBLICANS GIVE HIM SUPPORT



Probably the most important of the United States, from the standpoint of the present day, offers no parallel to the political situation in Washington. The men of Wilson's party are opposed to him, while the Republicans give him support. The situation is very complex, and the outcome is uncertain.

FINANCIAL TROUBLES IN GERMANY MAY CAUSE REVOLUTION

SIGNS OF UNREST SAID TO BE PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE

LONDON, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—The financial troubles in Germany may cause a revolution. Signs of unrest are said to be plentiful throughout the empire. The situation is very serious, and the outcome is uncertain. The German government is facing many difficulties, and the people are becoming restless.

STATE TIGHTENS QUARANTINE GUARD ALONG THE BORDER

ADDITIONAL RANGERS ORDERED TO EL PASO TO ASSIST HEALTH OFFICERS

ATKIN, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—The state has tightened its quarantine guard along the border. Additional rangers have been ordered to El Paso to assist health officers. The situation is very serious, and the outcome is uncertain. The state is taking steps to prevent the spread of disease.

INDIANA SENATOR CLAIMED BY DEATH AFTER LONG FIGHT

BENJAMIN F. SHIVERS HAD BEEN ILL FOR MANY MONTHS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—Senator Benjamin F. Shivers of Indiana has died after a long fight with illness. He had been ill for many months. The news of his death is a great loss to the state and the nation.

THE CAUSE AND EFFECTS

The cause and effects of the war are being felt all over the world. The war has caused many deaths and injuries, and it has caused a great deal of suffering. The effects of the war are still being felt, and the world is still recovering from the war.

TYPHUS IS THE MENACE

ATKIN, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—Typhus is the menace to the health of the people. It is a very dangerous disease, and it can be spread easily. The state is taking steps to prevent the spread of typhus, and the people are being warned to take precautions.

LONG TIME IN PUBLIC LIFE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—Senator Benjamin F. Shivers had a long time in public life. He was a member of the Indiana legislature, and he was a member of the United States Senate. He was a very able and energetic man, and he was a great leader.

TROOPS MARKING TIME ON BORDER

Orders Sending Americans Into Mexico Not Issued

CORRESPONDENTS TO BE LIMITED

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Not more than four newspaper correspondents will be permitted to accompany the troops into Mexico. Secretary of War Baker made it plain tonight that there is no disposition to limit publicity of what is done beyond the border, only military aspects being considered. The lack of accommodations with a comparatively small force is the only reason for limiting the number of correspondents.

WAR DEPARTMENT NOT INFORMED OF FUNSTON'S PLANS

SECRETARY BAKER ANXIOUSLY AWAITING WORD AS TO TROOP MOVEMENTS

NO SIGNS OF BACKDOWN

WASHINGTON, March 14.—While there were indications today that Carranza was making a supreme effort to capture Villa and his bandits, there was no sign that the orders of Gen. Funston to proceed on the same ground would be modified. Word is anxiously awaited that American troops have crossed the border, the war department itself not being advised when the movement will begin.

MEN TO TRAVEL LIGHT

COOL SPRING, Ark., March 14.—(Continued from page 1.)—The men accompanying the expeditionary force tonight carried their own supplies, and they carried only such equipment as they could carry on their backs or mules. All surplus baggage will be left behind.

WARRIORS OF MANY RACES HAVE FOUGHT AROUND DIARBEEKIR

RUSSIANS AND TURKS NOW ARE STRUGGLING FOR POSSESSION OF HISTORIC CITY

WASHINGTON, March 14.—One of the most important cities of Asia Minor is the city of Diarbekir. It is a city of many races, and it has been the scene of many battles. The Russians and the Turks are now struggling for possession of the city. The city is very important, and it is a key to the region.

CENSORSHIP IS TIGHTENED AT COLUMBUS AND SAN ANTONIO ON GENERAL FUNSTON'S ORDER

ADVANCE GUARD OF PUNITIVE EXPEDITION, IT IS INTIMATED, MAY START AT ANY MOMENT BUT MAIN FORCE WILL BE HELD BACK FOR A DAY OR TWO

CARRANZISTAS PUSHING PURSUIT OF VILLISTAS

One Report Says That Bandit Leader Has Been Surrounded by Mexican Troops—General Funston Denies That Any American Soldiers Have Crossed the Border—Martial Law on Border is Threatened

EL PASO, Texas, March 14.—Reports from points near Columbus tonight were to the effect that preparations indicated that a portion of the American troops may cross the border by tomorrow morning.

DOUGLAS, Arizona, March 14.—American refugees from Nacozari who reached here tonight report that they had to run the gauntlet of curses and abuse hurled at them by Carranza soldiers who lined the railroad tracks at Cabullona, south of Columbus.

PRESIDIO, Texas, March 14.—Two troops of cavalry are rushing here tonight following reports that rioting had broken out among Carranza troops at Ojinaga, opposite here. The Carranza commander there is reported to have been assassinated.

DOUGLAS, Arizona, March 14.—Half a million cartridges consigned to General Calles, Carranza commander across the line, were seized here tonight by United States soldiers. The authorities are trying to trace the source from which they came.

EL PASO, Texas, March 14.—Through the thick veil of the censorship enough news leaked through today to confirm the belief that the advance guard of the expeditionary force of United States troops may start in pursuit of Villa in time measured by hours, but the main force may not start for two or three days.

Reports flowed in here today that Carranzistas had Villa surrounded, and while unconfirmed it was known that ten thousand Carranza troops have been concentrated at various points around Casas Grandes.

Officers of the tenth cavalry left today for Columbus. Passage of transport trains to Columbus has practically ceased, indicating that the concentration of supplies is about complete. A number of motion picture men who left here today for Columbus returned tonight disappointed, General Pershing saying positively that no pictures could be taken.

CENSORSHIP IS TIGHTENED.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 14.—The placing of a strict embargo on news out of Columbus, New Mexico, where General Pershing's main expeditionary force is awaiting the word to cross into Mexico, was the most important development today.

After stating this afternoon that no troops had crossed the border, General Funston instituted a close censorship here. It was intimated that the next movement would only come with the actual start of the expedition. Once General Pershing is across the border it is believed that the censorship will be loosened and the public adequately informed of the developments. It was pointed out at Fort San Houston that if seizure of the telegraph office, guarding of telephone lines and automobile routes did not stop the leakage of important border news from Columbus, it might be necessary to establish martial law.

Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., left this afternoon for El Paso to take command at Fort Bliss, vice-General Pershing.

HOPE TO CAPTURE VILLA SOON. EL PASO, Texas, March 14.—"I hope we shall take Villa soon with the help of the United States," said General Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, tonight.

Villa is reported to be making for the mountain fastnesses south of Casas Grandes.

STATEMENT BY LANSING.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The following statement has been issued by Secretary Lansing: "In order to remove any misapprehension that may exist in the United States or in Mexico, the President has authorized me to give in his name the public assurance that the military operations now in contemplation by this government will be scrupulously confined to the object already announced and that in no circumstances will they be suffered to infringe in any degree upon the sovereignty of Mexico or develop into intervention of any kind in the internal affairs of our sister republic. On the contrary what is now being done is deliberately intended to preclude the possibility of intervention."